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In re: Application of Hawley, et al.

Serial No. 09/882,788

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose herewith the documents listed on the enclosed IDC form PTO-1449. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document listed is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents and evidence that consideration by initialing the IDC form next to each listed document.

This Statement does not represent that a search was made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. Therefore applicants reserve the right to present to the Examiner the relevant facts and law regarding the status of each listed document. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate

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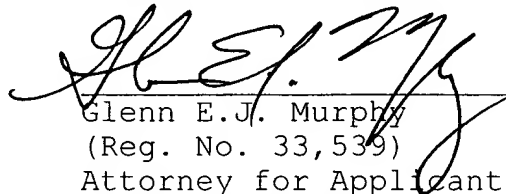
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action to establish patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of them be applied against the claims.

No final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311 has been received in the above captioned application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1250 the required \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for filing an Information Disclosure Statement. Order No. 02-0691. Duplicate copies are enclosed for fee accounting purposes.

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Enclosures:

1. PTO Form 1449 w/references